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1. SINCE 1912, JULY 4 CELEBRATIONS HAVE BEEN A MAJOR EVENT IN REBILD NATIONAL PARK UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE REBILD SOCIETY WHICH HAS BRANCHES IN DENMARK AND IN THE U.S.

2. THE REBILD PROGRAM THIS YEAR PROMISES TO BE ESPECIALLY RICH IN CEREMONY AND PERFORMANCE, INCORPORATING A MAJOR EXHIBIT ON COLONIAL AMERICA AT THE NORTH JUTLAND MUSEUM OF ART FROM JUNE 23 AUGUST 1. MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HOUSE AND THE DANISH GOVERNMENT USUALLY ATTEND.

3. THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE IN COPENHAGEN ALSO PLANS A MAJOR PHOTO EXHIBIT ON THE U.S. TO BE DISPLAYED AT COPENHAGEN CITY HALL MAY 26 - JUNE 7.

4. IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE REBILD JULY 4 PROGRAM FULLY, THE COPENHAGEN BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS "JULY 4 PICNIC" ON JUNE 26 ON THE GROUNDS OF THE BERNSTORFF CASTLE IN SUBURBAN COPENHAGEN. PRIVATE AMERICANS WILL BE WELCOME.

5. THE EMBASSY HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH BOTH REBILD
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SOCIETY AND AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE. ATTENDANCE

OF PRIVATE AMERICANS AT BICENTENNIAL FUNCTIONS IS WELCOME.

6. FOR DETAILS ABOUT BICENTENNIAL PROGRAMS TRAVELLERS MAY CONTACT MRS. EDITH BEYER, CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, AT THE EMBASSY.

7. IN PAST, REBILD CELEBRATION HAS BEEN ONLY OFFICIAL CEREMONY CONNECTED WITH JULY 4TH. HOWEVER, THIS YEAR WE ARE EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING SOME SORT OF RECEPTION ON JULY 5TH, FOLLOWING RETURN FROM REBILD. WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED AS PLANS DEVELOP.
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